GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1174
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
CELEBRATIONS OVER INDIA`S PERFORMANCE IN SYDNEY OLYMPICS
NIVEDITA MANE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned `Nirashajanak Pardarshan Par bhi 18 lakh ki Party de dali` appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated October 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken so far against the guilty officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The newsitem has mainly raised following issues:-

(i) Ratio of Athletes and Officials included in the Indian Contingent.

The IOA has informed that the International Olympic Committee had fixed norms for sending the officials along with the Athletes.As such on the recommendation of IOA the participation of Indian Contingent was cleared.

(ii) Deputation of Official Delegation at late stage.

Government of India had approved the deputation of 12 Member Official Delegation to Sydney in two batches.However, finally a 9 member Official delegation visited (in two batches) Sydney for Olympic Games.The objective of sending the Official Delegation was to boost the morale of the Indian Contingent; to notice their deficiencies; and to learn new techniques being adopted by the other participating countries so that future performance of Indian Players can be improved.

As regards expenditure Rs.31.02 lakhs has been spent on the visit of Official delegation.However, some bills are yet to received from Indian High Commission.

(iii) Hosting a party during Olympic Games

On the advice of the Indian High Commission hosting of a reception during the Sydney Olympic Games by the Union Minister was approved by the Government long back.

(iv) Visit of Indian Olympic Association`s Delegation to Sydney

On inquiry by Government, the Indian Olympic Association has intimated that it sent a delegation as follows:-

(i) 7 Members delegation of National Sports Federation;

(ii) 20 Member Delegation in two batches (10 in a batch) to Campaign for 2006 Asian Games

(iii) 8 Member delegation of Afro-Asian Games Coordination Committee.

(c) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No such material facts have come to the notice of Government.

(f) Does not arise.